# Life Safety Code Survey Issues

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- CMS Requires all LTC facilities to be fully Sprinklered on or before August 13, 2013.
  - Fire Safety Equivalency System (FSES) will no longer be allowed to waive sprinkler deficiencies (entryways, overhangs, freezers, etc.)
- Published in Federal Register August 13, 2008.
   (available on our website)

- Alcohol Based Hand Rub
  - Not installed over a source of ignition Electrical Outlet, Switch, Night-light, Heater, etc.
  - Maximum 10 gallons within Smoke compartment unless stored in Flammable Liquids Cabinet
  - Minimum Spacing four feet
  - Not over soiled linen or trash containers

- Oxygen Transfilling and Storage
  - Liquid Oxygen Transfilling only in designated room:
    - Ceramic Tile or Concrete floor
    - Direct Mechanical Ventilation
    - Sprinklered
    - 1 Hour Fire Rated Enclosure with Self-closing Door
    - No Combustibles or Storage
    - Signage

- Emergency Preparedness
  - Annual Plan Review / Update if Necessary
  - Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (county can help)
  - Relocation Agreement (recommend multiple)
  - Transportation Planning (recommend multiple)
  - Train staff and exercise plan
- Flooding
  - Riverine Flooding (gradual stream rise)
  - Flash Fooding (fast-extreme precipitation events—dam failure)
  - Ice/Debris Jam Flooding (extreme winter landslides human caused)
  - Urban Flooding (overwhelmed run-off)

- Flooding
  - Know if you are in a flood prone area
  - Have supplies and a plan
  - NWS radio monitor conditions
  - Preplan evacuation transportation-including routes
  - Evacuate to non-hazardous location
  - Involve local Emergency Management Office
  - Don't wait too long

- Construction/Alterations
  - Construction alterations must be reviewed/approved prior to work.
  - Some modifications (space changes) must have programmatic approval.

Contractors pushing services...

Questions?

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